



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Tuesday, March 15, 2016

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Rollcall

- Present:** 8 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand
- Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Don Knight

2. New Business

- 2.A.** [16-00162](#) City Council approval, denial, or modification of the hearing officer's Initial Decision in Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) case 2015-01, regarding Councilmember Helen Collins

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Res/Ord Number: 23-16

Council President Bennett acknowledged the presence of attorney Suzanne Dugan who outlined the responsibilities of Council related to IEC Case 2015-01, regarding Councilmember Collins. Council will have the responsibility of affirming, modifying or rejecting the hearing officers decision.

Council President Bennett confirmed all Councilmembers received, reviewed and understand the documentation provided to them regarding the case.

Councilmember Murray stated City Council recognizes the importance of the City Code of Ethics, the Code applies to every Councilmember, every Councilmember owes a duty of loyalty to the City, under the Code, no conflict of interest is allowed, and a conflict of interest may exist when there is an appearance of impropriety.

Councilmember Pico stated he does not support the motion because he would like to see a more positive confirmation of intent.

Motion by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Strand, to affirm the findings in the Initial Decision in IEC case 2015-01, regarding Councilmember Collins. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1-1-1.

Aye: 6 - Bagley, Bennett, Gaebler, King, Murray, and Strand

No: 1 - Pico

Recused: 1 - Collins

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Ms. Dugan explained the next action Council will take is to issue a sanction. Consensus of Council agreed to censure Councilmember Collins.

Motion by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Bagley, to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1-1-1.

Aye: 6 - Bagley, Bennett, Gaebler, King, Murray, and Strand

No: 1 - Pico

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3. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned.

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk